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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8485

INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 10097

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ISAAC STERN: TOKYO-MOSCOW-HELSINKI

1. WORLD-RENOWNED CONCERT VIOLINIST ISAAC STERN APPROACHED EMBOFFS WITH QUESTION OF POSSIBLE DIFFICULTY ARISING WHEN HE CONTINUES CONCERT TOUR FROM TOKYO TO HELSINKI VIA MOSCOW. BOOKING FIRM HAD MADE ALL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING JAL ROUTING WITH MOSCOW TRANSIT WHICH, ACCORDING TO STERN'S BOOKING AGENTS, ENCOMPASSES ALL REQUIRED ARRANGEMENTS (PRESUMABLY ALSO INTOURIST'S LOOKING INTO ANY TRANSIT VISA REQUIREMENTS). STERN STATED THAT HE HAD NO SOVIET VISA, THAT ITINERARY DOES NOT INVOLVE SOVIET STOPOVER, BUT ONLY SHORT WAIT IN CUSTOM/IMMIGRATION/ QUARANTINE AREA AT MOSCOW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR SERVICING OF AIRCRAFT AND REBOARDING FOR ONWARD FLIGHT TO HELSINKI.

2. STERN'S PASSPORT INDICATES BIRTH IN POLAND, BUT, HE FURTHER INFORMS, AN AREA VARIOUSLY UNDER AND OUT OF SOVIET JURISDICTION. WHILE IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES WOULD DELAY STERN'S TRANSIT ON BASIS OF HIS POSSIBLY STILL TECHNICALLY HAVING SOVIET DUAL NATIONALITY, SUCH A POSSIBILITY CANNOT BE ENTIRELY RULED OUT.

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3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF STERN'S PROMINENCE, NOT ONLY AS VIOLIN VIRTUOSO, BUT ALSO IN VIEW OF HIS PUBLIC POSITION IN SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DISSIDENTS IN SOVIET UNION AND ELSEWHERE. WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR RESPONSE BY THURSDAY, JUNE 8, PRIOR TO STERN'S DEPARTURE ON JUNE 13, VIA

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